



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 5686

LCO No. 2202

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Referred to Committee on Higher Education and Employment
Advancement

Introduced by:
(HED)

AN ACT CONCERNING TRAINING FOR GREEN INDUSTRIES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General
Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2008*) (a) Not later than July 1,
2 2009, the Board of Trustees for the Community-Technical Colleges
3 shall establish a state-wide green jobs training program. For purposes
4 of the program, the board shall design and implement comprehensive
5 education and training programs focusing on providing skills in green
6 construction, clean technology, urban agriculture and energy, as well
7 as jobs related to biofuel development, energy efficient buildings,
8 renewable power, solar panel installation, geothermal technology and
9 energy efficient cars. In carrying out the program, the board may (1)
10 establish criteria for student participation in the program; (2) fix fees
11 for such program pursuant to section 10a-77 of the general statutes;
12 and (3) enter into such contracts and agreements as it finds necessary
13 to secure the necessary facilities for the program.

14 (b) The board of trustees, in consultation with the Renewable
15 Energy Investment Board and other corporate and nonprofit
16 employers, shall identify new jobs and skills vital to the development

17 and enhancement of the renewable energy and efficiency industries, so
18 as to ensure job placement and retention for students participating in
19 the program.

20 (c) The board of trustees shall apply for any and all federal funds
21 related to green jobs training under the Energy Independence Security
22 Act of 2007, P.L. 110-140, and any other existing or future federal funds
23 available for such purpose. The board shall comply with such
24 conditions as may be necessary to secure the full benefit of all such
25 federal funds available.

26 Sec. 2. (*Effective July 1, 2008*) The sum of two million dollars is
27 appropriated to the Regional Community-Technical Colleges, from the
28 General Fund, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009, for the
29 development and implementation of a green industry job training
30 program under section 1 of this act.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2008</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2008</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To establish and fund a green jobs training program at the Regional Community-Technical Colleges in Connecticut.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]